Serials on prime time channel of Doordarshan

†2283. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons behind the increase in number of serials on prime time channel of Delhi Doordarshan which are based on illicit relations in rich high class families;

(b) whether it does not harm our traditional social system and moral values;

(c) whether the telecast of these types of serials would not adversely affect the creative consciousness of adolescents and youths though these reflect the contemporary reality and present day's truths; and

(d) how Doordarshan is different from other channels?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that Doordarshan does not telecast any such serials. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes which provide wholesome family entertainment and promote social values.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Doordarshan being a Public Service Broadcaster is different from other channels and it selects its programmes keeping in view its mandate to meet social objectives.

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